

WILL PICK OUT VULNERABLE SPOTS

Important Conference Cruise to Begin Tomorrow About Island.

FIRST DIVISION WILL SAIL

Admiral and Generals Will Pick Out Spots on Coast to Be Fortified.

Oahu island will be encircled with steel tomorrow and Sunday, when the cruisers of the first division of the Pacific fleet—the flagship California, Maryland and South Dakota—make a naval reconnaissance of the entire coast line. The reconnaissance may, in all probability, result in a recommendation to further fortify the island, particularly at Waianae and on Windward Oahu, places which are now absolutely unprotected.

In fact it is stated that certain unfortified spots are elements of vulnerability in the present defense system of the Hawaiian Islands, for battle-ships, standing three to four miles off the Koolau and Waimanalo coasts could throw shells over the Pali, and also across the Koko Head region into the mortar battery of Fort Ruger.

Shortly after eight o'clock tomorrow morning the first division of the fleet, with Rear Admiral Thomas in command, and with Major General Murray, division commander, and Brigadier General Macomb, department commander, and their staffs, will steam out of the harbor and take a south-westerly course, then turn back and steam toward Pearl Harbor, thence passing along the coast by Barber's Point, rounding Kahanu Point and Kahanu Point, which will bring the three armored cruisers opposite the Windward Coast, which will be studied with deep interest by both naval and military commanders.

The cruise around Oahu will, in fact, be one of the most important naval and military conferences ever held with respect to the plans for defense of the islands. With Rear Admiral Thomas, it will be a case of showing how vulnerable the coast line is at certain points, and with Generals Murray and Macomb, how impregnable are certain other points. It is the determination of how the undefended and easily attacked points are to be fortified that the naval and military commanders will have to agree upon, and that will be the important results of the cruise.

One Per Cent. Now.

Heretofore, the fortification of the islands and the establishment of a naval base, have practically been carried on independently by each branch of the service. Military experts have inspected and recommended certain fortifications and army posts. Naval experts have inspected certain portions of the sea coast and recommended the establishment of a strong base at Pearl Harbor. Never before have the two commanders of the Pacific military and naval divisions held a joint conference as to the future development of the defense plans, and the fact that this conference will be held aboard the flagship California, on cruise, may be regarded as the most important ever held in the Pacific.

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THANKSGIVING AT UNION SERVICES

Strong Address at St. Andrew's and Central Union—Spirit of Day in Each.

At the two union services held at St. Andrew's Cathedral and Central Union Church yesterday strong sermons were delivered, both Bishop Restarick and Rev. R. E. Smith touching on the same subject in the course of their discourse, making an appeal for the thoughtful consideration of spiritual things rather than the devoting all attention to pleasure and temporal pursuits.

Bishop Restarick in his remarks, after telling his audience how many things Americans had to be thankful for, citing in contrast to the peace and security of the nation the wars and massacres in different parts of the world at this time, made his appeal for "Responsibility," saying that responsibility to a nation came in proportion to the many blessings showered upon it.

In defining responsibility, the Bishop thought the younger generation had but little thought of the seriousness of life, and devoted themselves to having the best time possible heedless of anything else. He asked if it were not the fault of the present generation of parents that this condition existed, and issued an appeal that the condition might be changed and the more serious side of life given a greater attention.

At Central Union.

Rev. Robert E. Smith delivered the Thanksgiving Day sermon at Central Union Church, the services of which were held at eleven o'clock, just an hour after those of St. Andrew's.

He talked of the three most important things in life, the culture derived from the Greeks, the conquering ability from the Romans and religion from the Hebrews, urging that men and women of today take these three virtues from the races named to become more perfect beings, rounding out the right kind of life. His subject was "The Three Ideals of Antiquity" and he showed how each of these nations devoting itself to one idea had lost sight of all else and so had perished as a nation.

At both churches special decorations were in evidence and the whole service had a special Thanksgiving aspect, the music being of the right tone to harmonize with the ideals of the day.

Central Union had a program in which many of the pastors took part. The program for the service was: Organ prelude, Mr. A. B. Ingalls, Doxology.

Invocation, Rev. J. P. Erdman. Anthem, "Te Deum."

Responsive reading, Rev. J. L. Hopwood.

Hymn.

Prayer, Rev. David Cary Peters.

Response, Male Quartet.

Offertory, Miss Collais with the Male Quartet.

Reading of President's Proclamation, Hon. Walter F. Frear.

Anthem.

Thanksgiving Sermon, "Three Great Ideals of Antiquity," Rev. Robert E. Smith.

Hymn.

Benediction, Rev. H. W. Chamberlain.

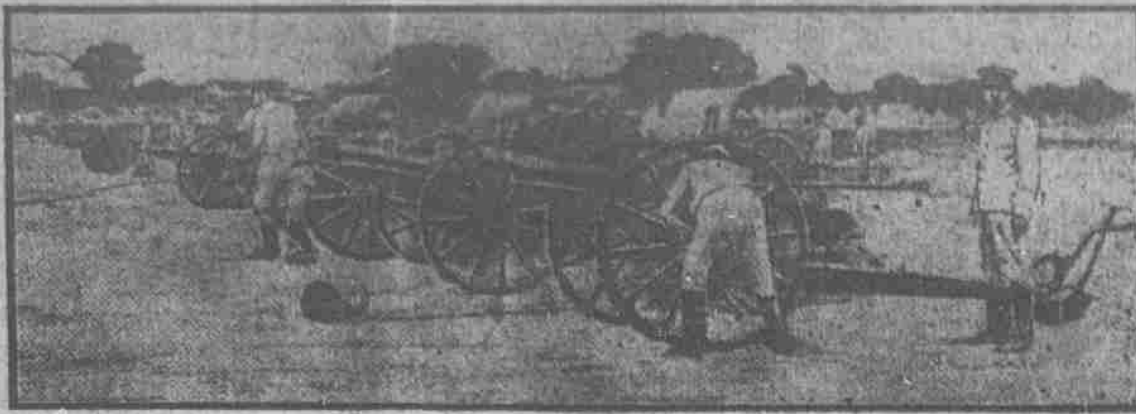
At St. Andrew's.

At St. Andrew's at ten in the morning there was a large congregation present to hear Bishop Restarick deliver the Thanksgiving sermon. Other clergy present with the Bishop in the chancel were: Reverends Canon Ault and Potwine and the Reverend Messrs. Williams, Kroll, Kock, Merrill and Fukao.

The decorations of the church had been made very attractive.

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PEACE IN CHINA WITHIN TWO WEEKS IS LATEST REPORT—REBEL SUCCESSES



IMPERIAL ARTILLERY PHOTOGRAPHED IN PEKING.

MAY LOWER, BUT NOT RAISE, TAXES

Such Is Interpretation of New Tax Law in Effect After the New Year.

A new taxation system, devised by the last legislature, goes into effect on the first of next month, and the county supervisors and auditors in all the islands are doing some figuring on the complicated problem of how the law will operate. As far as can be learned, the net result of the legal study of the new act is that while the various county boards of supervisors have power to lower the tax rate, they are not in it when it comes to trying to raise it, unless the assessors happen to think it necessary.

Under the new law, the counties are required to submit to the Territory estimates for current expenses and permanent improvements. With the tax rate at one per cent, the counties are allowed one-half of one per cent for current expenses and one-sixth of one per cent for permanent improvements. It is up to the counties to tell their various tax assessors what sums they think they will need for the purposes set forth in the law, and then the tax assessors shall tackle the problem of fixing tax rates.

One Per Cent. Now.

The tax rate is one per cent, now in Honolulu. According to the new law, which some members of the bar say is so complicated that the proverbial Philadelphia lawyer would quit if asked to explain it, the Honolulu city and county government is entitled to one-half of this one per cent, for the current expenses fund, one-sixth of it for a permanent improvements fund, and for a possible raise in the tax rate if desired.

The municipality is supposed to submit figures showing what it will need, or what it wishes to have. If the estimates are such as call for a larger tax rate than one per cent, to meet them, the tax assessor may make the tax rate higher, if he chooses to do so, or he may cut the estimates.

Territory Fixes Rates.

"The counties have it within their power to reduce the tax rate, under this law," said a county official yesterday, "but not to increase it. It seems that if the county estimates are so high that they cannot be met by the existing one per cent. tax rate, they may be rejected. If they are small and made to come within that rate, if that is the rate upon which the assessor decides, all is well. On the other hand, if the estimates are small enough, the assessor may make the tax rate less than one per cent."

The same rule applies in all the counties. The county governments appear to have no power to raise the rate of taxation. But they have a means of lowering it, by making their estimates of expenses lower. The apportionments are absolutely fixed. The counties get one-half of the tax for current expenses and one-sixth for permanent improvements.

Fixing the Tax Rate.

Under this system the tax rate for the coming year will be determined by estimates submitted by the county supervisors and estimates of the needs of the territorial government. The decision as to the rate, however, lies with the territorial tax assessors, it is claimed, though there are those who say that they are required to make a rate which shall be sufficient to meet the estimates which the supervisors give, of what they need.

A Tough Job.

According to the lawyers, the tax assessor has a tough job on his hands, in fixing the tax rate for next year. The law sets forth in five sections the purposes to which the taxation funds shall be devoted—current expenses, permanent improvements, interest on bonds, maintenance of schools and school interest and sinking fund, etc.

These five purposes are given in sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the act, and then comes a section supposed to explain what the various counties are to expect from the assessors. The section is somewhat complicated and full of details, but it is interpreted as meaning that if a county submits estimates which

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CLEAN SHIRTS THE SCARCEST THING JUST NOW ABOARD THE SOUTH DAKOTA

There is mourning aboard the South Dakota and some of the personal linen is being washed more frequently than ever because a full wagon load of nice shirts, underwear, white trousers and other wearing apparel was lost in the harbor.

On Wednesday a laundry wagon, filled with newly laundered clothing and ship's linen, was brought back to the South Dakota. The horse was frightened at the militant spectacle of the great gray warship for it commenced to balk, edging toward the end of the wharf. The driver attempted to

keep the horse upon the wharf, but the frightened animal was not to be subdued, and finally the wagon, horse and laundry went overboard into the harbor. The heavily loaded wagon drew the horse under the water and it was drowned. Later in the day the dead horse was removed from the harbor, but the linen was not to be found and much of it may have joined the banana stool on the high seas.

The principal losers in the loss of the wagon were officers of the South Dakota, and linen that was badly needed just now when social activities were about to start.

MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN PLAN IS UNCHANGED

Conference Is Held With Doctor Blue—Wrigglers Found in Lily Plants.

A last conference was held yesterday in regard to the combined sanitation campaign and mosquito crusade by Doctor Rupert Blue, Doctor W. G. McCoy and Doctor J. S. B. Pratt, president of the board of health, and the work which has been done and the plans for its continuance were carefully gone over for the benefit of Doctor McCoy, who takes full charge of the campaign in place of Doctor Blue, who sails for the Coast on the Siberia today.

Last evening Doctor McCoy and Doctor Pratt sailed for Hilo on the Wilhelmina to be gone for several days in an inspection trip about the Big Island, and during Doctor McCoy's absence Dr. E. R. Marshall of the public health and marine hospital service, will be in full charge.

Doctor Marshall yesterday made an inspection of the grounds of Professor Brigham and secured four jars partly full of water from the lily plants on the professor's grounds in which there were swarms of wrigglers. The wrigglers in their respective jars were taken to headquarters where they will be hatched out to determine positively just what brand of mosquito it is which breeds in the lilies.

Doctor Blue was a busy man yesterday, paying farewell calls among the many friends he has made during his short stay in Honolulu, and there was not much time for business, yet he made the time to attend the conference at headquarters and go over the plans of the mosquito campaign with Doctor McCoy. It is probable that he will make a complete report in Washington of what has been done in Honolulu during the campaign and give the assurance that few places on earth show healthier conditions now than Honolulu.

VISITING ENGINEERS FOR PEARL HARBOR

About seventy members of the American Association of Mining Engineers arrive today on the Siberia, returning from their Orient cruise. They will be the guests in Honolulu today of the Hawaiian Engineering Association.

The local association plans to take the members to Pearl Harbor this morning on the tug Navajo, where the visitors will inspect the Pearl Harbor drydock and the fortifications at Fort Kamehameha, boarding a special train at the latter place for Honolulu plantation. The party will be brought to town on the special and at the depot will be met by special cars of the Rapid Transit company.

The visitors will be guests of lunch at the Commercial Club, Secretary Shady has prepared the itinerary.

NIGHT LANTERN PARADE TO BE SPECIAL DISPLAY

The Japanese of Honolulu intend to make their coming lantern parade, at

Believe Republicans Will Give Up Extreme Demands.

Franco-Belgian Loan of Thirty Millions is Announced.

(Special Cable to The Advertiser and the Hawaii Shipper.)

TOKIO, November 30.—It is expected here that terms for peace in China between the Manchus and the revolutionists will be arranged within the coming two weeks and that the revolutionists will be satisfied with the constitutional government their uprising has resulted in securing from the throne.

The situation at present does not appear favorable for the republican cause. REINFORCEMENTS AT WUCHANG. (Special Cable to The Liberty News.) SHANGHAI, November 30.—The revolutionists have lost Hangyang, but the forces at Wuchang have been reinforced by the arrival of five thousand men from Huan, well armed.

Confirms International Loan. (By Associated Press.)

PEKING, December 1.—What is left to the national assembly convened in this city yesterday and listened to an optimistic address from the Premier, Yuan Shih-Kai regarding the situation throughout the Empire.

The delegates approved of the proposed Franco-Belgian loan of thirty million dollars and negotiations in this matter will be closed as quickly as possible.

Regency or Throne.

A persistent report here is that Premier Yuan Shih-Kai intends shortly to assume the regency. Another statement made is that the proposal to usurp the throne.

The government is substituting Manch troops in place of Chinese about Peking for the better protection of the capital.

Rebels Win Purple Hill.

NANKING, December 1.—In a most determined assault the revolutionists yesterday captured the last outside position of importance still held by the imperial troops. The assault was on Purple Hill, which was captured after some desperate fighting at close quarters.

Truce for Three Days.

LONDON, December 1.—Special dispatches received here yesterday report that Yuan Shih-Kai has consented to stay the progress of the Imperial army at Hankow, and has granted the rebels a three day's truce, pending negotiations for a peace.

STANDARD OIL IS "BUST" AS TRUST; SUBSIDIARIES "IT"

NEW YORK, December 1. The official career of the Standard Oil Trust, so called, ends today and the greatest trust of the kind in history becomes split up into a score or more of individual companies.

Beginning this morning each of the subsidiary companies of the former Standard Oil Company will take over the management of its own affairs and conduct its business independently of the central office of the old trust.

GRAND STAND FALLS AND MANY INJURED

JACKSON, Mississippi, December 1.—During a football game at the county fair grounds here yesterday, when the Thanksgiving holiday crowd was out in full force, the grand stand collapsed and over one thousand persons were precipitated to the ground, and fifty of them were severely injured and many others received minor hurts.

MARS WILL ENDEAVOR TO FLY ACROSS SIERRAS

SACRAMENTO, November 18.—With the aim of crossing the Sierras in an aeroplane on Thanksgiving Day, Aviator J. L. ("Bud") Mars, the California birdman, is here attempting to finance an aeroplane flight of indeterminate length.

Mars met Fowler after the latter's failure and obtained valuable information from him. He states that Fowler tried to cross the mountains at the wrong time of year, when the shifting air currents which he encountered, are absent in the early winter.

Mars formerly lived at Marysville; his wife is a San Francisco girl.

WOMEN JOIN IN TURKISH BARBARITIES IN TRIPOLI



A SQUAD OF TURKISH CAVALRY.

WASHINGTON, December 1.—Special dispatches have been received at the Italian embassy in this city in which the situation in Tripoli is told in considerable detail, the Italian troops holding the city of Tripoli and much of the hinterland beyond.

It is stated that continual fighting goes on between detachments of the army with bands of Turks and Arabs, in which the Italians have been generally successful.

In those cases where the enemy have captured Italian soldiers or the wounded, it is stated that almost incredible barbarities have been perpetrated by the Turks and Arabs, in which the women of the tribes have taken an active part.